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NEW DOCTOR WILL TREAT CHILDREN

Dr. William Lorimer, the new physician at the local medical center, is willing to treat children who are old enough to explain to him what is wrong, according to Chatham Town Councilwoman Jenny Lee Sanders.

After local press reports that the new doctor would not treat children, a reporter from the News & Gossip interviewed Mrs. Sanders for a clarification. The suggestion that Dr. Lorimer would not treat children was of considerable concern to children.

Mrs. Sanders, who is on the board of the medical center, stated that Dr. Lorimer does not feel he is qualified to treat children who cannot communicate with him. She stated that Dr. Lorimer is planning to attend Duke University to learn to treat infants.

Mrs. Sanders reported that she recently took her sick daughter Julie, who is able to communicate, to Dr. Lorimer and found him to be likeable. She said Julie seemed to like him also. Mrs. Sanders stated that Dr. Lorimer was "very thorough" in his examination. --RH

WOODY WOODPECKER?

There was a loud chopping sound outside of the Hurt residence on Gilmer Drive in the early afternoon of January 15th. The only News & Gossip reporter on duty was dispatched to investigate.

The reporter immediately saw two large birds with red crests which she described as looking like Woody Woodpecker. They stayed on the tree outside the window for 12 minutes before flying off to the east.

A bird book was consulted, and it was confirmed that the birds were a pair of pileated woodpeckers.

James Millner of Franklin Place, about one mile away, has recently reported seeing pileated woodpeckers in his backyard.

William Davis, an old-timer around Chatham, was asked what name these large woodpeckers were known by. He said that when he was growing up they were called Billy Whickers. --EH

EDITORIAL

We feel that Dr. William Lorimer is both wise and courageous to stand up to the fact he is not capable of treating children who cannot communicate with him. Infants make up a good proportion of our community. It is important that they be treated. But it is very important that they not be treated by a doctor who feels he is not capable of doing so properly. Most babies are very fragile and must be handled with extreme care. We should respect the fact that Dr. Lorimer is not going to treat someone he is not qualified to treat.

We are gratified that Dr. Lorimer will treat those of us who can communicate with him. We wish him success and happiness in Chatham. --RH

The Nose

The Nose has caught wind of many questions in the air about why Paul J. Harold, prominently of 112 North Main Street, keeps his tractor parked in his front yard.

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The Nose has been tweaked by several readers anxious to know the identity of the sprightly local matron recently pinched near Richmond for running 66 mph in a 55 mph zone. The Nose knows but is mum.

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A lady who lives on South Reid Street was overheard saying she is anxious for her son-in-law to complete his studies to become a plastic surgeon. She is looking forward to a free face-lift. The Nose is baffled.

MYSTERY MISSILE

The mystery of the missing rocket on North Main Street has been solved.

In recent months Hargrave cadets studying rocketry have been firing jet-propelled missiles. One went up on January 5th and never came down. A large search party was dispatched without success.

Then one day Mrs. Helen Melton was looking up in the air when she spotted the rocket hanging from a limb 40 feet high in her back yard. It was dangling by its nose, Mrs. Melton told a News & Gossip reporter. She reported the discovery to Hargrave, but nothing could be done about it.

Then, on January 25th, there came a high wind that blew the rocket down. This time Mrs Melton was looking down at the ground and spotted it. Herman Melton investigated and reported the discovery to Hargrave. --CH

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Quote of the Issue

Comment overheard at recent Cub Scout meeting: "The only thing I learned from getting my father to help me build my model race car were some new cuss words." --CH